

THE JOINT RIVER COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 18, 2008

10:00 am

Those in attendance: Trent Potter, Lynn Hansen, Keith Hooper, Clinton Moon, Maurice Harvey, Lynn Clark, Randy Crozier, Bob Leake, Andrew Dutson, Craig Thomas, John Swasey, Lee Sim, Farrell Farnsworth and Connie Mullins.

The meeting was brought to order by Vice President Trent Potter. He was conducting in place of President Art Taylor, who was unable to attend due to a death in his family.

MINUTES

MOTION: Maurice Harvey made the motion that the reading of the minutes of the February 13, 2007 Joint River Committee be suspended and be approved as written. There were no changes to be made. Clinton Moon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

John Swasey reported on the 2007 water delivery. He stated that last year was only the second time in his 19 years that the water filings were cut to a 1907 priority. It was reported that project water delivery began on June 19th, almost a full month earlier than in 2006. Project water used in 2007 was 39,042 acre feet compared to 9,560 acre feet in 2006. Discussion followed on Block 1B. Randy clarified how it was allotted. This year the problems should be worked out and the delivery if needed should run smoother. John reported that the automation system is going well. This is more work to do. Some canals are being automated now.

MOTION: Clinton Moon made the motion that the committee approve the Commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Craig Thomas. Motion carried.

2007 BUDGET REVIEW

The 2007 receipts and expenditures were reviewed by Lee Sim, as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE – January 1, 2007 \$62,739.43

RECEIPTS

Regular Assessments:	\$112,613.75
Special Assessments:	0.00
Delinquent Penalties:	58.51
Previous Assessments and Penalties:	726.01

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(2007 Budget review cont.)

Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
Annual Interest Earned:	4,767.11
System Reimbursements:	0.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$118,165.38
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EXPENDITURES

Budgeted Expenditures:	\$102,858.60
Unbudgeted Expenditures: (Total of negative amounts)	1,108.72
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$103,967.32
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ENDING BALANCE	\$76,937.49
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2007 Delinquent Water Assessments totaled \$401.77

All delinquent assessments are for one year with the exception of Leon Nielsen who hasn't paid since 2002. It was noted that it is time for him to be shut off.

Lee Sims explained that due to a change made last year, expenses will only be paid during the year accrued. December 15th is the deadline to submit expenses.

There was a discussion on those accounts that were over the budgeted amount, ie; Committee expenses, telephone expenses.

Question by Maurice Harvey on how the state vehicle worked out. Lee Sims explained that it did not materialize due to being told by the state that the water commissioner is not considered a state employee for the use of a state vehicle.

MOTION: Trent Potter moved that the 2007 financial report, as reported by Lee Sims be approved. The motion was seconded by Keith Hooper. Motion carried.

2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL

John handed out his 2008 budget proposal. Discussion followed concerning the budget, including Water Commissioner's proposed salary increase as well as increases in travel, telephone, office expenses, equipment expenses, and a new added budget for commissioner training. Motions were made concerning each individual budget increase as follows:

MOTION: Maurice Harvey made a motion that the Water Commissioner's salary increase of 5% be approved. Motion seconded by Clinton Moon. Trent Potter and Craig Thomas opposed the motion. Majority carried the motion.

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MOTION: Lynn Hansen made a motion to accept the proposed travel budget amount of \$13, 500.00. Motion seconded by Clinton Moon. Motion carried.

MOTION: Trent Potter made a motion that the office expense stay at \$2,000.00 instead of the \$2,400.00 that was proposed. Motion seconded by Craig Thomas. Motion carried.

MOTION: Keith Hooper made a motion to leave the committee expenses and secretary expenses the same as last year. Motion seconded by Maurice Harvey. Motion carried.

Discussion on a new budget of \$500.00 was proposed for Commissioners training expenses which would be used for lodging and food when traveling to conferences and training seminars. Receipts would need to be turned in.

MOTION was made by Clinton Moon to include the Training expense budget. Motion seconded by Lynn Hansen. Motion carried. Lee Sims noted that this travel budget would be combined with the committee expense because the State doesn't have a line for it. It was noted with an *.

MOTION: Clinton Moon made a motion to increase the telephone expenses to the proposed \$2,000.00. Motion seconded by Lynn Hansen. Motion carried.

Discussion by Lynn Hansen that the equipment expense be used in conjunction with grants from Rural Technology which is available through Duchesne County Water Conservancy District, to supplement this equipment expense.

MOTION: Maurice Harvey made a motion to increase the equipment expense budget to the proposed \$5,000.00. Motion seconded by Clinton Moon. Motion carried.

MOTION: Motion made by Clinton Moon to have the miscellaneous expenses be \$125.00. Motion seconded by Craig Thomas. Motion carried.

The 2008 Budget Proposal is as follows:

BALANCE of Trust Funds, 12-31-2007:	\$76,937.49
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RECEIPTS:	\$88,696.84
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Regular Assessments	
Plus previous assessments and penalties	

BUDGET:	
Commissioner Salary	\$54,600.00
Social Security	4,139.00
Retirement	8,500.00
Insurance	10,000.00
Travel	13,500.00
Secretary Expense	500.00

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Committee Expense	1,000.00
Office Expense	2,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	5,000.00
Telephone Expense	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	125.00
State Engineer Assessment	7,036.00

TOTAL BUDGET: \$108,400.00

Chairman Trent Potter asked if there were any other proposals to be made before the proposed budget was approved.

MOTION: Trent Potter made a motion that the Water Commissioner's salary be increased by just 3% instead of 5%. No second to the motion. Motion did not carry.

MOTION: Lynn Hansen made the motion to approve the 2008 proposed budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Clinton Moon. Motion carried

MOTION: Clinton Moon made the motion to leave the assessments at \$0.24 per acre foot. Motion seconded by Lynn Hansen. Motion carried.

DUTY SCHEDULE

Lee Sims gave an explanation on the duty schedule and how it is figured. He stated that the duty schedule was not yet signed by the judge but there were no anticipated changes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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